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**Reports to the People
Of the 10th Congressional District**

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UPDATE ON CIA EXPANSION PLANS

Dear Friend:

I want to bring you up-to-date since my last report to you concerning road improvement proposals associated with the plans to expand the CIA facility in Langley. As you may recall, the CIA hosted a meeting at my request in June 1983 with area residents to discuss the impact of the agency's planned expansion on the community.

BACKGROUND

Because of the community's wishes to be included in the traffic planning process, the CIA established, at my urging, a Traffic Advisory Committee following the public meeting. The committee was formed to address concerns related to traffic projections and to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the subsequent engineering proposals and select the most appropriate proposal for recommendation for the CIA to implement.

The Traffic Advisory Committee, which met regularly over the past year-and-a-half, includes McLean area citizens and representatives of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, the U.S. Park Service, and the National Capital Planning Commission. Representatives from my office and the offices of Fairfax Supervisor Nancy Falck, State Delegate Bob Andrews and Senator John Warner were also included.

RECOMMENDATION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC

After evaluating alternatives for dealing with the increased traffic, the committee recommended a plan to the CIA that involves traffic signals and a variable width median in the vicinity of the CIA which would permit added turn lanes to and from the CIA. (The path of both highways would be moved, and both roadways would be widened at the intersections, but both would be retained at their present width -- four lanes for Route 123, and two lanes on Route 193). This would improve the free flow of traffic in the area and reduce congestion so as not to disrupt nearby neighborhoods.

Numerous other detailed changes were recommended and the CIA will provide a public briefing for area residents in early May. A final decision on the Committee recommendation will be made shortly thereafter. The road improvements are targeted to be completed prior to the occupancy of the new building during the summer of 1987.

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

The CIA expansion program also includes improvements to I-495 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWMP). The I-495 improvements involve providing easier access to the Parkway from the northbound Beltway. The CIA has requested funds for this project which I recommended it consider.

The GWMP will also be improved by the construction of a 1,000 foot acceleration lane running westbound from the CIA's Parkway exit ramp. This will substantially reduce the rush hour traffic build-up on that ramp and improve safety. The construction of the acceleration lane is scheduled for completion this summer.

CIA COMMITMENT

The CIA has indicated its commitment to establishing policies designed to discourage its employees from parking in neighborhoods adjacent to its headquarters. It also will direct all expected visitors to use the Parkway entrance to reduce use of Route 123. Additionally, the CIA will be implementing a traffic management program with its employees, such as staggered work hours, to further reduce the impact of the expansion on local traffic.

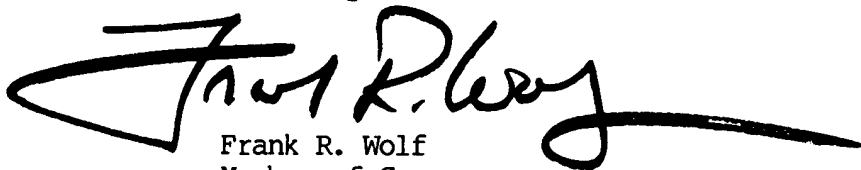
ONGOING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

The Traffic Advisory Committee will continue to meet during the design stage of this project to review the design and to ensure that citizen concerns continue to be addressed.

I want to commend the members of the Traffic Advisory Committee for their hard work and cooperative efforts on this project of such importance to our community.

I will continue to work with area citizens to monitor plans for the expansion and hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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